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BROADBAND AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: FCC DISCUSSES BROADBAND PLAN AT MIT SUMMIT

Broadband and the future of civic engagement, as part of the Federal Communications Commission's National Broadband Plan, will be discussed at a summit hosted by MIT's Center for Future Civic Media on Monday, March 1. Eugene Huang, FCC Director of Government Performance and Civic Engagement for the National Broadband Plan, will give the keynote address at the summit and discuss working recommendations in the plan, focusing on broadband's power to increase civic engagement by creating an open and transparent government, supporting a robust digital public media ecosystem, expanding access through social media, fostering innovation in government, and modernizing democratic processes.

WHEN: Monday, March 1, 2010, 4-6 p.m.
WHERE: The Tang Center (E51-115), Massachusetts Institute of Technology
70 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, MA DC 20515
WEB: <http://web.mit.edu/webcastnow/1>
WHO: Eugene Huang, FCC Director of Government Performance and Civic Engagement
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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to national priorities, including energy conservation and efficiency. The Plan is due to Congress on March 17.

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News about the Federal Communications Commission's development of the National Broadband can be found at <http://www.broadband.gov/news.html>